

Local Items.

Happenings in Town Gathered and Condensed For Busy Readers.

—Phone 182.

—Subscription \$1.50 the year.

—Off with the old; on with the new.

—How about doing your Xmas shopping early?

—Star picture program for this week on page 7.

—Date of publication, every Thursday afternoon.

—The fellow who always a kick coming, sometimes gets it.

—Brighten up! That Christmas savings account is about due.

—Please look on the Post-Dispatch as YOUR paper—and support it accordingly.

—The big task this winter is to make one lump of coal do the work that two formerly did.

—The first December week. The last month of 1917 in which to arrange a Rockingham program for 1918.

—Post-Dispatch phone number is 182; the paper wants all items of interest, so don't hesitate to phone or tell that which may be of news value.

—Knitting is proving a godsend to the idle hands of the country. Now if an equally profitable employment for the idle tongues could be found we would be going some.

—Many a fat porker will utter last squeal during the next few weeks, and fortunate is that family that can feast on sausage, spareribs and backbone; to say nothing of cracklin' bread.

—A certain bibulous gentleman living not a thousand miles from Rockingham is reported to be much exercised over the report that this country is to send large numbers of "tanks" to France.

—A weekly paper is just what the people want it to be—no better, no worse. Will you do your part to help make the Post-Dispatch the LIVEST weekly paper in Piedmont Carolina (apologies to our neighboring exchanges.)

—The items in this column will always begin with a —, and are arranged this way in order to be separate from items of a purely personal nature. They are supposed to be paragraphic briefs of local interest.

—The current November issue of the University magazine contains two poems by John S. Terry, and a short sketch on "The Educational Draft," by Houston S. Everett—two Rockingham boys who are decidedly making good at Chapel Hill.

—The office of the Post-Dispatch is on Hancock street, opposite the Rockingham Hotel and next door to the Chinaman's laundry, and in the building formerly occupied by the old Anglo-Saxon. The editor will be glad for you to call and make yourself 'at home.'

—The dance at Hamlet Thanksgiving night was largely attended, and the music of the Myer Davis orchestra, of Washington, most excellent. It is understood that \$60 remained after all expenses had been paid—and this amount was generously turned over by the dance managers to the Hamlet Red Cross fund.

—Send the Post-Dispatch the Camp addresses of the Richmond county soldier boys. We will publish them, that friends may write them Christmas cards. And, by the way, why not make them a Christmas present of their "paper from home?" Plan to send your boy the Post-Dispatch for Christmas remembrance. It's weekly visits will be a regular letter from home.

—Died, the 3rd, Mr. John Robins; interment at Zion the 4th.

—Died Monday night, Mr. Asbury C. Covington. The interment was at Bear Branch cemetery Wednesday.

—C. C. Shore was Monday selected by the county commissioners as Game Warden for the county of Richmond.

—Send the paper your job work; come to see us or phone 182. The Post-Dispatch office is no farther away than your phone.

—Cotton seed today here, in small quantities \$1.10 to \$1.12 1/2; car lots \$1.18. Cotton 29c. Thirty cents was paid the latter part of last week.

—The job department of the Post-Dispatch is now in operation and we solicit a share of your job business. All work will be done with neatness and dispatch.

—The windstorm Tuesday afternoon about dusk was very severe. Eighteen squares of tin were unroofed from the Great Falls factory, entailing a loss of \$200.

—Even the elements seem to be in favor of the erection of a new courthouse, judging by the success of the windstorm Tuesday afternoon in blowing down a portion of the brick flue at top of the temple of justice.

—All knitters are urgently requested to finish all garments by Dec. 20th, as it is important that such garments should reach our soldiers during the cold weather. Socks are in great demand and the need is most urgent.

—It will be pleasing news to the friends of Mr. H. L. Guthrie, County Auditor, to know that he has decided not to accept the proffered position in the Bureau of War Risk. Accepting the position would have necessitated his moving from Rockingham—hence his declination.

—The total number of men sent from Richmond county to Camp Jackson is 122, of which number 30 have been rejected by reason of physical deficiency. The county has therefore 92 in camp. No information has been received by the local exemption board as yet regarding when the colored drafted men will be sent to camp.

—W. J. Isbell, of Alabama, was Monday elected by the county commissioners as Farm Demonstrator for Richmond county, vice J. B. Hicks who had resigned to accept the management of the Gates farm at Hoffman. Mr. Isbell has been acting Demonstrator for the past month. The federal government pays the majority of his salary, the cost to the county being \$50 a month.

—The county commissioners Monday authorized an election to be held for the Derby Memorial School district for increasing the schooltax from 30 to 50 cents on the \$100, and from 90 cents on the poll to \$1.50. The district is composed of the old Jones Spring and McNair districts, in Richmond county, and Marcus and Fairview, in Montgomery.

—Those of our young men who had anticipated a big hunt Thanksgiving day were disappointed, as J. Pluvius was strictly on the job. Rain set in about 9:30 and continued with more or less regularity until well after the noon hour. However, Old Sol showed his face in mid-afternoon, and those who feared not dampness and wet feet fared forth to save the hunting day.

—Miss Mag Moore was found dead about a mile from her home near Kollock, S. C., late Tuesday afternoon. She was absent from the house when a heavy rain came up, and it is supposed she overexerted herself in an endeavor to quickly return home, heart failure resulting. The interment was at the Gillespie graveyard Wednesday. She was a daughter of the late Samuel Moore, who for many years practiced law at Cheraw.

Personal Items.

Miss Mary Reid Hobbs is visiting friends in Raleigh.

Sergeant Robert Steele, of Camp Jackson, S. C., spent the week-end at home.

Miss Maude McRae returned to Maxton Monday, after visiting Miss Earnestine Nuttall here.

Messrs Mial McRae and John Cole left on Saturday night for Hot Springs, Ark., "for their health."

Messrs. W. C. Leak, Jr., Houston S. Everett and Jerome Pence, of the University, spent the holidays here.

Miss Catharine Fairly, who was home to spend Thanksgiving, returned to Durham on Sunday to resume her teaching.

Misses Sallie and Tempie Boddie have returned from Durham where they have been visiting relatives for the past week.

Mrs. P. C. Whitlock and children returned to Charlotte Sunday, after having spent the Thanksgiving holidays here.

Miss Ethel Torrence returned to Charlotte Monday after being professionally engaged in the family of Mr. John L. Everett.

Allen Turner, of Mocksville, spent the latter part of last week here with his sister, Miss Bernice Turner, who is a member of the city school faculty.

Beverley, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Payne, was christened Sunday afternoon at the Church of the Messiah by Rev. Mr. Trott.

Mr. Charles P. Russell, who so ably edited the Dispatch the past fall and who returned to New York two weeks ago, is now on the staff of the New York Sun.

Mrs. Marlborough Pegues, of Greenville, S. C., and Mrs. W. N. Everett left Monday night to spend ten days with their mother, Mrs. W. T. Payne, at Norfolk.

Mr. Walter L. Thomas returned the 26th from Hot Springs, Ark., where he had been a number of weeks for his health. His friends will be pleased to learn that he is much improved.

Mr. Scott Thomas spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Thomas; he is at Charlotte with the National Biscuit Company, where he fills the responsible position of Cashier.

Mr. W. W. Thrower, a former Richmond county boy, who for the past twelve years has been an engineer for the Tidewater Power Co. at Wilmington, is spending a few days in the city with relatives.

Mrs. S. W. Steele is spending the week in Wilmington with her daughter, Miss Jesse Steele, who is House Secretary at the Wilmington Y. W. C. A. While away Mrs. Steele will visit her son, Mr. Stephen Steele, who is stationed at Fort Caswell.

Mrs. Alvis J. Bynum spent from Saturday to Monday here with her son, F. W. Bynum. She was returning from Chapel Hill to her home at Rock Hill, S. C. Mrs. Peter Ihrie and little son, Peter, Jr. will arrive tonight from Rock Hill to visit her brother, Mr. Bynum.

Dr. J. M. Maness, county health officer, went to New York Sept. 2nd to take treatment. He also while there pursued a special course in the study of the eye, ear, nose and throat at the New York Post Graduate Hospital and College. He returned to Ellerbe Nov. 18th, improved in health.

Those who attended the Baptist State Convention at Durham from this place Tuesday and Wednesday were: Mrs. Bruce Benton, Miss Elma McIntosh and Miss Hattie Marks, Mr. W. A. McIntosh and Mr. T. M. Marks. Rev. Mr. Benton is remaining until the close of the Convention.

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